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1. According to OFFSPRING, Hans Guenter BERNAU & Guenter BAER and Walter GAIPPEL & Werner SPRINGER are members of the same OFFSPRING field agency. BERNAU was scheduled to contact MORGENROTT in the GSR, but the latter apparently came out before he could be used in a project.

2. BERNAU gives the following version of the incident. On the morning of 1 March 1950, BERNAU intended to meet his chief, GAIPPEL, in Hotel ~~am~~ Anker, Coburg. GAIPPEL finally appeared, accompanied by a CIC officer who was wearing civilian clothes. The CIC officer asked BERNAU to identify himself. BERNAU was forced to produce a Kennkarte bearing his real name, since he had not been supplied with a "phony." During the conversation which was conducted in a friendly fashion, the CIC officer asked BERNAU in what field he was working. BERNAU stated: "In the military field." He claims that he never stated he was obtaining information on the Fourth Soviet Elite Army.

3. In the fall of 1949 OFFSPRING tentatively planned to drop GAIPPEL. This was mentioned to an agent of CIC Selb. Later, however, a way was found to re-employ GAIPPEL and his valuable net.

4. OFFSPRING has been questioned on the insecure conduct of their agents in this case and the alleged smuggling activities of GAIPPEL.

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